

# MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE PRESIDENT & BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF BEECHER HELD AT THE BEECHER VILLAGE HALL, 625 DIXIE HIGHWAY, BEECHER, ILLINOIS SEPTEMBER 13, 2021 -- 7:00 P.M.

All present joined in the Pledge to the Flag.

President Meyer called the meeting to order.

#### **ROLL CALL**

PRESENT: President Meyer and Trustees Kypuros, Juzeszyn, Gianotti, Tieri, Stacey and Kraus. ABSENT: None.

**STAFF PRESENT:** Clerk Janett Conner, Administrator Robert Barber, Public Works Superintendent Matt Conner, Chief Terry Lemming, EMA Director Bob Heim and Treasurer Donna Rooney.

GUESTS: Mr. & Mrs. David Weissbohn.

President Meyer asked for consideration of the minutes of the August 23, 2021 Board meeting. Trustee Kraus made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Trustee Stacey seconded the motion.

AYES: (6) Trustees Kypuros, Juzeszyn, Gianotti, Tieri, Stacey and Kraus.

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

## **RECOGNITION OF AUDIENCE**

None.

# **CLERK'S REPORT**

A report was provided of income received in August, 2021.

## **REPORTS OF VILLAGE COMMISSIONS**

There was no report for Beautification Commission.

Trustee Kraus provided a report on the 4<sup>th</sup> in the Fall Fest. He said it was a good fest and well attended, but final numbers are not yet available. He thanked everyone for coming out. President Meyer reported that there were a lot of unknowns and thanked the Commission members, volunteers, sponsors, and all that came out each day. The Commission had four days of great attendance.



Trustee Juzeszyn provided a Youth Commission report. The kid and pet parade went well. New Commissioners will be appointed tonight.

There was no report on the Historic Preservation Commission.

### VILLAGE PRESIDENT REPORT

President Meyer appointed the following people to the Beecher Youth Commission: Kristin Tucker, Codi Killis, Jessica Smith, Kelly Weissbohn and Hebah Arroyo. Trustee Kypuros made a motion to approve President Meyer's appointments. Trustee Juzeszyn seconded the motion.

AYES: (6) Trustees Kypuros, Juzeszyn, Gianotti, Tieri, Stacey and Kraus.

NAYS: (0) None. Motion Carried.

## A. FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

Trustee Kypuros made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report of financial activity in the prior month. Trustee Tieri seconded the motion. Treasurer Rooney was present and provided a report.

AYES: (6) Trustees Kypuros, Juzeszyn, Gianotti, Tieri, Stacey and Kraus.

NAYS: (0) None. Motion Carried.

Variance reports for the previous month were included in the packet for review.

Trustee Kypuros read aloud the bills added since Friday and made a correction. Becker's Automotive needs to be reduced by \$656.11 and Goldie's Auto Body increased by that same amount, due to an error on the bill list. Trustee Kypuros made a motion to approve payment of the list of bills in the amount of \$204,216.31 and payrolls for the previous month. Trustee Stacey seconded the motion.

AYES: (6) Trustees Kypuros, Juzeszyn, Gianotti, Tieri, Stacey and Kraus.

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

The Attorney has recommended a formal motion be made prior to considering loan offers for a monthly installment loan in the amount of \$254,000. Trustee Kypuros made a motion authorizing the solicitation of proposals for a monthly installment loan in the amount of \$254,000 for 120 months for the General Fund. Treasurer Rooney provided a report. Trustee Kraus seconded the motion.

AYES: (6) Trustees Kypuros, Juzeszyn, Gianotti, Tieri, Stacey and Kraus.

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

The Board considered bid proposals for the 2021 sidewalk and curb replacement program. Two proposals were received. Superintendent Conner explained discrepancies in the bid from J & J Newell Concrete. He reached out to them and they never answered so he recommended not considering their proposal. Trustee Gianotti made a motion to approve award of a bid for the 2021



sidewalk and curb replacement program to Perino Brothers in the amount of \$20,050 for sidewalk removal and replacement and in the amount of \$13,436 for curb replacement. Trustee Tieri seconded the motion.

AYES: (6) Trustees Kypuros, Juzeszyn, Gianotti, Tieri, Stacey and Kraus.

NAYS: (0) None. Motion Carried.

## G. OLD BUSINESS

Superintendent Conner explained a change order for the splash pad. George's Landscaping is proposing putting a 4-5 foot wide sidewalk next to the existing concrete pad to make it ADA compliant. He doesn't have the estimated cost for this yet, but is thought to come in less than \$1,000.

Administrator Barber said a TIF Joint Review Board meeting needs to be scheduled for the end of September.

Administrator Barber reported Bill Salmen will be submitting a formal appeal for the sprinkler requirements at 614 Gould Street, so the Planning and Zoning Commission will need to hold an administrative hearing.

There was discussion on the October 9<sup>th</sup> Music in the Park event. Sit-N-Bull has agreed to sell the liquor and the Lions Club will sell food as a fundraiser. The High School will be asked if they are interested in selling popcorn and drinks. The event is coming together per Trustee Juzeszyn. Trustee Juzeszyn asked EMA to be there. He will work with Public Works on set up of the grounds before the event. Staff will work on advertising for the event.

#### I. NEW BUSINESS

Trustee Kraus reported that he has met with Chief Lemming. One of the things identified as a problem in the Police Department is not enough supervision on night shift. The Police Commission will assist with this. Trustee Kraus said he would also like to see minimum staffing limits for the Police Department. He also identified that the evidence vault needs to be audited. Chief is working on getting prices to get the audit completed. Chief should have prices by the next meeting.

The following reports were provided in the packet for review:

- 1. Police Department Monthly Report
- 2. EMA Monthly Report
- 3. Building Department Monthly Report
- 4. Water Department Monthly Report
- 5. AZAVAR Quarterly Report

There being no further business, President Meyer asked for a motion to adjourn. Trustee Gianotti made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Tieri seconded the motion.

AYES: (6) Trustees Kypuros, Juzeszyn, Gianotti, Tieri, Stacey and Kraus.

NAYS: (0) None. Motion Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Following adjournment of the regular meeting, the Board took a five-minute recess and then conducted strategic planning.

Respectfully submitted by:

Janett Conner Village Clerk